



## 2022 KINDY NEWSLETTER 5

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our next newsletter for Kindy 2022.

What a lovely afternoon/evening we all had at Kindy last Wednesday to celebrate the wonderful Kindy Dads! The children were so excited to be having Daddy come to Kindy, as well as it being at night time!! Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, with the Kindy friends doing a fantastic job at their little performance of acting out our story called "Hairy Bear" and singing some favourite songs. Thank you to Dads and Grandads (and mums) for making it to the evening and joining in so readily. A big thanks for being such good sports at wearing your "bear" headbands - you all looked very cute! I hope the little gifts you received, and treasures you made on the night, find a special place in your hearts and homes.

It has been a very sad start for me this term. I sincerely thank all the Kindy parents for your patience, and understanding, and most of all your kindness. Thankfully, the Kindy children seemed to have coped well with my absence, and were so loving and sweet on my return, which was very poignant. I would also like to thank our EA's, Aimee Grzinic and Sheena Bloxham, with the help of Pre-Primary teacher Bri Rutter, for holding the Kindy class together, for following my Kindy programmes and for keeping the children happy in my time off. Thank you again to everyone for your thoughts and well wishes xx.

It has been a very busy term for the Kindy friends. There have been many special events happening, such as whole school assemblies; school photos; NAIDOC Week, which included visits from high school students for face-painting; Book Week with a whole school dress-up parade; and of course the Father's Day event. The children have all coped extremely well these activities which involved mixing with the "big school". It just shows how beautifully the Kindy children are growing and learning this year. Well done, Kindy friends! What a lot of fun you have had!

Inquiry Time: This term has revolved around looking at the Australian Aboriginal culture. The children played in and decorated a 'cave'; built some Aboriginal shelters from sticks; played in the "mia-mia"; explored ways to decorate using aboriginal dot painting; looked at ways to tell a story using symbols; and listened to many Aboriginal stories, to list just a few. It has been a wonderful learning environment for all.

Health: The children have played lots of games, and sung songs, using body parts. We have been talking about "Saying No" and learning about personal bubble spaces. "Recognising Abuse" is the topic from the "Keeping Safe" curriculum.



Weekly Circle Focus: "Greeting People"

In the mornings, in our welcome circle, we have been focusing on a short, but specific discussion about greeting people in a different language when saying Hello or Good Morning. The children have been keen to share how they say hello at home. Everyone is getting very clever at using different ways of saying hello from around the world, during our rollcall. Great job, Kindy friends.

Mary Poppins Performance:

The children have been practising with Mrs Hastie for the end-of-year whole-school performance in the Town Hall. The Kindy and Pre-Primary children will be "little bees" in the performance. To keep the bees looking identical, Jessica Westphal has kindly offered to make ALL the bee costumes. She is well on her way to completion. I'm sure all the parents are most appreciative and very relieved!! **The boys will need to supply a pair of black leggings**, but otherwise the wings, T-shirts, skirts, and headbands are all being supplied for you. Thank you so much to Jess for her creativity and many hours of sewing, but above all, her generosity of time!!

Fruit Roster:

Thank you to all the parents who have managed to assist us at Kindy with fruit cutting, and helping with an activity with the kids, for our morning session. It is such a wonderful help, and the children love to have mummy, or nan, or dad come to spend time in the Kindy setting. A roster will be up again for next term, if you missed out this term.

Library Books on Tuesday:

Please remember to pop your child's Library Book into his/her **Library Bag every Tuesday** and place it in your child's schoolbag. We will swap books on Tuesday every week.

Thank you for all your help with your son or daughter's learning. The year just seems to be flying past now and will be busy again next term!! Looking forward to finishing off the term with a look at different places in WA and Australia. We will possibly be welcoming back Taylor, but saying "have a great trip" to Sophia as she heads off for a family holiday overseas. Just a reminder the last day of Term 3 at Kindy is Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> September. **Term 4 begins on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> October.**

Enjoy the holidays, when they get here, as hopefully the weather begins to warm up!

Kindest regards,

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